

Update on DC Public Schools (DCPS) Operating Status during Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency

What is our operating status?

DC Public Schools (DCPS) will follow a modified operating schedule between Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 31. During this period, DCPS will implement distance learning and students will not report to school.

How does this impact what we do?

- Monday, March 16 - Teachers and staff will report to school to plan for distance learning. No school for students.
- Tuesday, March 17 to Monday, March 23 - DCPS will take its Spring Break for students and teachers. There will no longer be a Spring Break period in April.
- Tuesday, March 24 to Tuesday, March 31 - Students will participate in distance learning.
- Wednesday, April 1 - Schools will resume operations.

How does this impact our physical locations?

- Schools - School buildings will be open 8:30 am-2:00 pm with limited staff on weekdays between March 16-24 for students and families to pick up essential items such as books and medication. All schools will be closed March 25-31.
- Central Office - All DCPS administrative buildings will be closed, including the DCPS Fingerprinting Office.

What else are we offering to meet your needs?

- Meals for Students - Meals will be available for all students every weekday from Monday, March 16-Tuesday, March 31 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at sites across the District. Learn more by visiting <https://dcps.dc.gov/coronavirus>.
- Distance Learning - DCPS is preparing instructional contingency plans that will allow meaningful, relevant learning to take place while schools are closed. We will have resources for every level in grades PK-8 and each graduation requirement course for grades 9-12. Information about how to pick up printed copies of these lessons throughout the city, or access them online, will be shared in the coming days.

What precautions are we taking to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Most employees are teleworking to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Our employees are also taking precautions to keep themselves healthy and limit the spread of infections, including regularly washing their hands, cleaning facilities more frequently and practicing social distancing. Employees have been instructed to let their supervisor know immediately if they feel sick.

Where should you go if you have questions?

For questions about any of the services we provide and information on any future changes, please contact us at 202-442-5885. For more information, please visit dcps.dc.gov/coronavirus or coronavirus.dc.gov.